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Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 and 34 were rejected as being anticipated by Black et al. (US 3,720,823).

Black describes a device having "a plurality of light producing layered elements" (see, for example, the abstract), whereas the instant device has "one absorbent sheet" (item (ii) of instant claim 1). This fact by itself is an essential difference. Furthermore, Black's construction stores one of the reactants in an external fluid source (see Fig. 1 in the US patent) and introduces the reactant to the sealed envelope through a tube (lines 64-66 at col. 3), whereas the instant device is a compact device preferably compartmentalizing the reactants on smaller scale, such as in capsules, etc. (see instant Fig. 1). Black's envelope is made of polyamide, the instant sheets are made of polyolefin. Importantly, Black does not mention multishape, and still less multicolor, images.

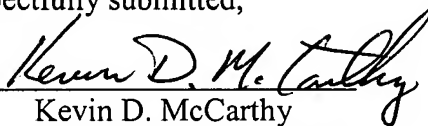
However, to expedite the examination of this application, the applicants amended claims 1 and 34 by incorporating the subject matter of claim 4. As such, the applicants have complied with the examiner's statement that the claims "would be allowable" if the independent claims were rewritten to incorporate the language of claim 4.

Conclusion

The subject matter of original claims 2-33 and 35-42 is allowable, as kindly advised by the Examiner. Since amended claims 1 and 34 comprise the subject matter of allowable claim 4, they are also believed to be allowable. It is respectfully submitted that, following the above amendments and explanations the application is ready for allowance, and as such is respectfully requested.

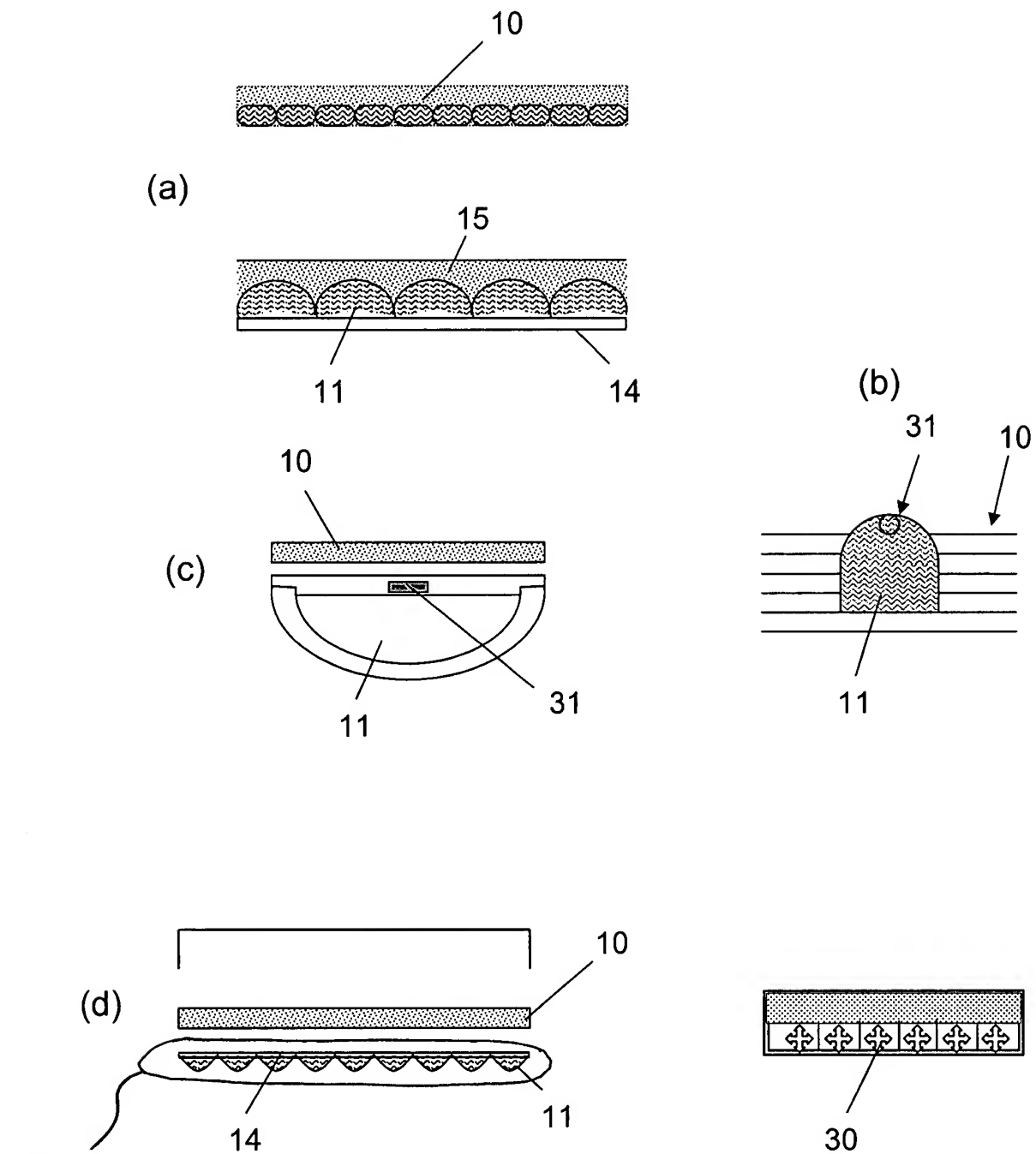
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Annotated Sheet



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Fig. 4